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Dear Coworkers:

PREPARATION FOR 50th ANNIVERSARY - White House Conference on Children and Youth

We are receiving a few reports of State Extension participation in studies and preparatory meetings relating to the 1960 White House Conference on Children and Youth. One such report comes from North Dakota where the Governor has formed a State committee including Pauline Reynolds, Extension Agent for Rural Young People, and Mrs. Anne Green, a county home demonstration agent who is representing the North Dakota Home Economics Association, as its president. The committee is studying and recommending programs and actions relating to children and youth in North Dakota. More than 40 State Governors' Committees have already been named. We are always interested in your own State happenings in regard to such matters.

4-H AND SCIENCE CONFERENCE

A group of 27 eminent scientists and about the same number of Extension workers met at East Lansing, Mich., September 20-22, for a deep look at how more science teaching could be incorporated into 4-H work. The conference at Michigan is serving to spark our thinking about putting more "why's" into 4-H. This, however, is only the starting point for many discussions about the topic.

Reports of this meeting will be made in written form. In addition, you will have an audio-visual report, including slides and recordings on magnetic tape, for use in training meetings in your State.

We appreciated the cooperation of the National Science Foundation who helped sponsor the conference.

CONFERENCE ON 4-H FOUNDATIONS--JANUARY 11-13, 1960, AT PURDUE

Plans for the National Extension Conference on 4-H Foundations and Fund Raising are now being firmed up by Director J. O. Knapp and the special committee named by ECOP at its April meeting. Each State Extension director will be invited to send, at State expense, about two staff persons directly concerned. Persons with administrative and program responsibility for 4-H Club work might be selected. In many cases this will be the director, assistant director, the State 4-H Club leader and/or other persons who serves as executive officer of State 4-H Foundations, State 4-H Camps, etc.

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TEENAGE NUTRITION EDUCATION

A National Youthpower Congress is being planned for Chicago from February 11 to 13, 1960. Some of you may already have heard of the teenage nutrition education program getting under way under the sponsorship of the National Food Conference, a group of some 46 firms and organizations related to food processing and distribution. American Farm Bureau Federation President Charles B. Shuman was chairman of the Food Conference held last year, out of which this program grew.

The Federation is helping now to set up Youthpower Committees in each State. Currently, 24 States have joined the program and it is expected the majority of others will do so. County committees may also be formed.

Many teaching aids relative to improving teenage nutrition are being developed. These are planned to be available for use in the secondary schools and also in youth-serving programs of informal nature.

Choosing of the 6 to 7 delegates per State for the Youthpower Congress will be a function of the State committees. However, we are assured that worthy work done through 4-H Clubs will have equal consideration with that done in a high school classroom.

RURAL YOUTH WORKSHOP IN FAR EAST

Rudy Monosmith of California who has just returned reports a wonderful workshop experience. In his own words:

"The Second Far East Rural Youth Workshop was a real highlight of my life. It was a great privilege working with the eleven countries represented at this conference, and a real thrill to see the contributions being made by 4-H Club work in the Far East".

We are anticipating a more detailed report after Rudy has had a chance to organize his report for I.C.A.

FIVE STATES JOIN IN 4-H LITERATURE CONFERENCE

Tennessee, Georgia, Mississippi, Arkansas and Oklahoma met at Memphis, September 16-18, to plan for ways of developing effective 4-H literature. The hard-working conference group included administrators, 4-H staff, editors, and subject-matter specialists. The FES team working with the group included Lloyd Rutledge and Fern Kelley of the 4-H staff, plus Ed Pope of the home economics staff, and Bryan Phifer of the Information Division. Emmie Nelson of the National Committee staff also assisted.

4-H IN OTHER LANDS

Italian 4-H (3-P) Program Is Progressing

Msgr. Luigi G. Ligutti, executive director of the National Catholic Rural Life Conference, who is a long-time friend of 4-H Club work, indicates that the new rural youth program in Italy is progressing splendidly. The program is sponsored by the largest farmer's organization in Italy. Leadership and project type programs are being developed with American 4-H Club work as a pattern.

4-D Clubs in Iran

Dave Sharp, formerly of Utah, gave us a firsthand progress report of the Iran program where he has been working recently. There are now 2500 "4-D" members in the 12 ostends. Main projects are gardening, poultry, cooking, clothing and sanitation. The membership is, so far, primarily boys. Leonard Williams, formerly of New Jersey, will be taking Dave's place with the program in Iran.

4-S in Panama

Bert Despain, another former co-worker in Utah and Wyoming, tuned us in about the program in Panama. There are now 138 Clubs enrolling about 3800 members-- 2,000 girls and 1,800 boys. The three most successful projects are clothing, vegetable gardening, and poultry. Bert is on home leave and expects to return to Panama.

VALUES IN THE HEIFER PROJECT

Heifer Project, Inc. is certainly working hand in hand with the 4-H Club members and leaders of America as they help extend the values of 4-H Club work in other lands. Many have shared in this worthy program. We quote from their recent newsletter.

"...when comparing qualities of different relief and rehabilitation projects.. Heifer Project has four values that are unique...

- 1) visibility...for years to come...animals or their offspring are evidence of a gift from friends in America, Holland, Switzerland, etc.
- 2) increase...living things reproduce themselves...i.e.....the 2,000 goats sent to Japan in 1947-48 now number over 10,000.
- 3) pass on the gift...recipients receive and then share...thereby spreading the impact of the original shipment.
- 4) morale builder...to a refugee family...or a 4-H boy...a heifer or a flock of chickens is an international pat-on-the-back...a real vote of confidence for the recipient."

4-H REPRESENTED AT RECENT MEETINGS

NEW ENGLAND 4-H ROUND-UP FEATURES MUSICAL PAGEANT

A musical pageant "We're On Our Way" was presented at the theatre in-the-round by 4-H Club members from Massachusetts and Connecticut. The pageant depicted important events in the historical development of the country and youths' part in it. It was written and directed by Mrs. Billie Howes.

Six New England States also joined in the traditional exhibits, demonstrations and parade of States.

A.I.C. MEETING IN ILLINOIS

Miss Marie Topel of Missouri did a very good job as chairman of the youth section of the American Institute of Cooperation in Illinois the middle of August. Marie represented 4-H Clubs, of course. One thousand youth and nearly 200 leaders attended the conference on the Illinois Campus. Bill Stone of the Illinois 4-H staff was general chairman of the youth conference committee.

Several new things were added this year, including 10 special discussion sections for youth 18 to 30 years of age; a quiz for all young people attending on what they had learned at the conference; and a special workshop for leaders on how to do a better job of teaching about cooperatives. All delegates receiving a score of 100 or more out of a possible 125 will receive a special certificate from the A.I.C.

NATIONAL JUNIOR ACHIEVEMENT CONFERENCE

Miss Bonnita Richards and Robert Holm, 4-H members from Indiana represented 4-H Club members throughout the country at the National Junior Achievement Conference in Bloomington, Indiana, recently. Hugh B. Sweeney, program director is always complimentary about the 4-H representative. Some years, 4-H'ers have been so outstanding in leadership ability they were invited back the following year to lead recreation and group discussions.

SPECIAL CONSERVATION STAMP

4-H Clubs were represented by Miss Bessie Hamm of South Dakota when the special stamp was issued at Rapid City on August 26. During the past quarter century, millions of 4-H Club boys and girls under the guidance of devoted local leaders and conservationists have learned the value of soil and water conservation. Participation of youth in 4-H Club conservation activities and projects throughout the country helps to develop the fundamental concepts of resource conservation, so essential to positive leadership and action in getting conservation on the land.

ALERTS TO EVENTS IN
THE MONTHS AHEAD

UNITED NATIONS DAY - October 24

A kit of helpful materials is available from the United Nations Office of Public Information. The observance of this day aims at a reaffirmation of faith in the rightness of the UN purpose.

We have been interested in the number of States that scheduled 4-H tours to the UN this summer.

FARM-CITY WEEK PLANS

You should have received the brochures and other ideas for 4-H participation in Farm-City Week. We are getting many good stories regarding activities in the States and counties. However, we would appreciate many more which we are sure you can provide, as we would like to get 4-H Clubs recognized in the Farm-City Week National Newsletter. Please send your stories to John W. Banning, who is heading up this program for our office this year.

NATIONAL TELEVISION WEEK IS AN OPPORTUNITY

November 15 to 21, the National Association of Broadcasters is sponsoring the observance of National Television Week. We have looked to National Television Week as a time to recognize local and network station management for their cooperation in presenting 4-H programs. During the week, these local stations will be holding open house, arranging tours of the station facilities, and scheduling special shows. Station management will be available for talks to community organizations on TV subjects. Perhaps you will want to contact your TV station cooperators, or otherwise join in the observance of National Television Week.

5th ANNUAL DAIRY CONFERENCE

Although the 5th Annual Dairy Conference is being held in Chicago, December 3-5, immediately following Club Congress, a good attendance is expected. Twenty-one States with a total of 135 delegates have indicated their plans for participation.

NJVGA MEETS IN WASHINGTON

December 6-10 are dates for the 1959 conference of National Junior Vegetable Growers Association. Location will be the Hotel Roosevelt, 2101 16th Street, N.W. Grant B. Snyder will be sending out additional information about the program for this 25th annual convention.

NATIONAL 4-H CLUB WEEK - March 5-12, 1960

Kits of promotional ideas and materials are being prepared and are to be ready to send to the States in November 1959. The kits will be on display at National 4-H Club Congress. It is not too early to start your plans for State activities. Emphasis will be on the new theme "Learn - Live - Serve Through 4-H". No special group will be honored or saluted at the National Observance this year.

NATIONAL 4-H CONFERENCE - 1960

This is an advance alert to the new time of year for the National 4-H Conference. The 1960 date is April 23-29.

Registration forms will be mailed to you in December, and are due back in our office by February 10. We urge that you select your delegates early.

**WE NEED YOUR HELP
A REPLY PLEASE**

4-H HEALTH ACTIVITIES

✓ The 4-H Development Committee for Health programs feels the need of checking with the States on current status of health programs. This summary will be the basis for discussion and planning at a forthcoming meeting. May we ask that a member of your State staff give us your suggestions on the enclosed form. Send your reply to Fern Kelley who will assemble them for chairman Hi Harshfield.

HOW DO YOU USE IDEAS ABOUT 4-H AND YMW?

✓ Some of you have indicated you make special use of the IDEAS letter. Knowing how you use it may help us do a better job of preparation. Perhaps, also, if we summarize these tips you may have some guides for your own staff letter which many of you send to the counties. A sheet is attached for your reply.

**SHARING SOME OF THE GOOD IDEAS
IN USE IN THE STATES**

PUBLIC UNDERSTANDING

Kansas - 1959 4-H In Review

We have just received copies of the "1959 Kansas 4-H In Review." It is a special issue of the Kansas 4-H Journal written in a form to report 4-H work in the State. We liked last year's issue so much we asked for copies to be put in the "Report-to-the Nation" book which go to the President of

the United States, the Secretary of Agriculture, and others. Mr. Regnier, State 4-H Leader, told us they could supply a single copy to each State upon request. Much of the work in preparing the Journal is done by Dale Apel of the Kansas 4-H Foundation staff.

Michigan - City-Rural Youth Conference

October 10 and 11 will be the dates for Michigan's first attempt at a youth conference involving city and rural youth. A special youth committee made up of 4-H Clubs, YMCA and YWCA, Scouts, Camp Fire Girls, and Junior Achievers is planning the program. The theme, taken from the new bridge in Michigan is "Bridge Over The River CRY" (city-rural youth).

New Mexico - State 4-H Camp

The banquet held the final evening of the State 4-H Camp was most impressive. Each donor had as his host or hostess a 4-H member. The donor presented the award to the delegate(s) who won in each contest.

South Carolina - State Farm and Home Week

During the State Farm and Home Week, 4-H had two outstanding activities which were highlighted before the 6500 farmers and homemakers attending the week--the State 4-H Talent Show and the State 4-H Fashion Show. Miss South Carolina of 1959 presided over the fashion show which was titled "Fashions Out of this World."

PROGRAMS FOR OLDER MEMBERS

Arizona - State 4-H Round-Up

During the State 4-H Round-Up the first week in August, 4-H members had a different kind of opportunity in the areas of careers. Business and industry cooperated with the State Club Office in providing a situation for members to find out about one of eight different areas of careers. Included in these tours were such fields as wholesale marketing, arranged by a marketing firm; business engineering through one of the nationwide electrical firms; the cost of starting a home, arranged with two home economists who are homemakers; banking and credit, arranged through one of the banks; medical services, arranged by the Medical Center in Tucson.

Arkansas - State Club Week

Arkansas has made another step in giving further impetus to older member programs.

Twenty-six of Arkansas' top 4-H Club members played major roles in conducting the activities of State 4-H Club Week, July 21-24 at Fayetteville.

Chosen from 60 applicants from all over the State, these 4-H'ers attended the 4-H Club Senior Leadership Workshop July 19-21, before assuming their responsibilities for Club Week.

To be eligible for the workshop, the 4-H'ers were required to have at least three years of 4-H Club experience and to be not less than 16 years of age.

Louisiana - Agricultural Selling Career Day

Recently 4-H Clubs in the New Orleans area cooperated with the Chamber of Commerce and the New Orleans Sales Executive Council on an "Agricultural Selling Career Day." Seven parishes participated. Much interest was shown and plans were made to continue this event and to broaden its scope.

Michigan - Folk Dances Organized

Young men and women representing all youth-serving groups in Michigan are working together to share ideas and fun in the area of folk games and dances. They meet several times each year for their fun and idea exchange, which seems to be doing much to acquaint them with the various youth-serving groups. Arden Peterson, 4-H Recreation Specialist, is one of the adults helping with the new venture.

North Carolina - State YMW Conference

About 100 young men and women attended the four-day conference under the direction of Dan Holler of the North Carolina Youth staff. Joe McAuliffe, of our office, helped the group find new program ideas through the ABC of YMW programs approach. Joe discovered some outstanding programs of some counties in North Carolina and we are getting those stories to share with you.

Virginia - Leadership Camp

Virginia recently completed its Leadership Camp at Camp Farrar. This leadership conference included YMW Clubs, 4-H, All Stars, and leaders from various other youth groups such as farm organizations, rural churches, and the Ruritan Service Clubs.

John Banning, from our office, gave the keynote talk and led a workshop in group dynamics.

SOME NEW APPROACHES

Georgia - Three Events Combined to Save Staff Time

Often we share concerns with you about the amount of State 4-H staff time which is used in district and State 4-H activities. We were interested in

receiving from Georgia the program for the State 4-H Council meeting and the Georgia 4-H Master Program and the State Home Demonstration Council meeting. These three events were held on the campus at the University of Georgia, August 25-28, and ran concurrently. Several program features were combined.

Illinois - "Wash Your Duds Party"

Each year a new emphasis is selected for the electrical activity in the home economics 4-H program. The current phase pertains to clothing; last year's emphasis was on home improvement. Three authors of the current publication are JoAnn Sievers of the 4-H staff, Catherine Sullivan, specialist in home management, and Vivian Wennier of the Adams Electrical Cooperative. The leaflet was made possible through the cooperation of the Illinois Farm Electrical Committee.

Wisconsin - Approved Practice List of 4-H Dairy Program

Each year the Dairy Husbandry Department selects an "improved practice" area for special emphasis. Insect control is the item for 1960 and Allan Bringe, Extension Dairy Specialist, says "we hope every dairy club member will make a special effort to control flies in his barn." Each member will be given information in his project material to help him.

LEADER AND AGENT DEVELOPMENT

Michigan - Agents on Developmental Committee

Michigan recently held their 41st Annual County 4-H Club Agents' Conference at Houghton Lake, Michigan. A very outstanding part of their conference program is the report of State program developmental committees, which are patterned after the National 4-H Developmental Committees. Agents play an important part in program development through this committee action and reports.

Tennessee - Leadership

George Foster reports that the counties which have offered seven sessions of 2½ hours each of the "Tennessee 4-H Club Leadership in Depth" average 13 more leaders and 150 more members than a year ago. In addition one agent expressed this, "The number we reported before were leaders on the roll. The number reported after are leaders on the job."

Texas - Leadership Development

The "4-H in the Community" program was effectively launched on September 9, with a workshop for Adult Leaders and Extension Agents in southwest Texas. Much preliminary planning had gone into this meeting. The State staff including administrators, specialists, State 4-H staff and district

agents were all in accord on the objectives. A leader's guide and member's guide were developed for each specialist's area of work and presented at the workshop--an excellent beginning to more effective development of local volunteer leadership in 4-H.

Virginia - November Meeting for Adult 4-H Leaders

Planning well-balanced 4-H club programs will hold the attention of Virginia adult 4-H club leaders at their annual weekend conference at Natural Bridge, November 20-22.

State 4-H officials at VPI have announced preliminary plans for the conference, calling for discussion groups, panels, recreation, exhibits and guest speakers.

ENCLOSED FOR
YOUR USE

"Evaluation in Extension" - one copy per State

Written by the staff members of the Division of Extension Research and Training, FES, to aid workers in the Cooperative Extension Service to be better able to understand and apply the principles and methods of evaluation. In the present edition, the authors have endeavored to present evaluation that will be most useful to teachers and students of evaluation.

"Participation of Older Members in 4-H Clubs..."

We are enclosing a new ER&T Research Summary, written by Laurel Sabrosky and Mary Frances Lyle, and based on Mary Frances' thesis. We think you will find some new ideas in this summary--or ideas that support some of your own. One idea which we think needs a lot of thought is the implication that busyness, as such, is not enough to hold all older 4-H Club members. Each person is different, and what may seem to be an interesting, active program may hold some members and cause others to drop out. We think attempting to solve this problem is a real and rather exciting challenge.

"The Learning Experience of Youth Groups" - one copy per State

Bulletin 427, West Virginia University Agricultural Experiment Station, May, 1959. A study of 4-H Clubs in Barbour County which attempted to determine the learning experiences of youth in the community-type and the school-type 4-H Club. Scores were assigned to the learning experiences so that average scores could be compared between the two different types of clubs. It is well worth your time to read.

Leads for Leaders

The "Leads for Leaders" series is being resumed. We are pleased to send No. 9, in which New Hampshire outlines a way to get community support and interest.

Home Demonstration Study Reports

Two bulletins are enclosed which pertain to the study of home demonstration club members. One is the general summary. The other is the first of about six reports giving more details about the problems, needs and interests of home demonstration members.

In addition, to much else, we are sure you will want to look at the figures about leadership in 4-H, and participation of children of home demonstration club members in 4-H.

"Steps to 4-H Camping"

At long last, the 4-H camping bulletin is available. Author is John Lennox, formerly of the New York staff. The original planning for the bulletin and the outline of contents were done under the direction of the 4-H Recreation Committee. The new bulletin is a replacement of the one by Ella Gardner, printed in 1939.

We hope this new bulletin will be in time to fit into your plans for agent training in 4-H camping for this fall or winter. We have noted a decided trend towards such training during the past year. Notice has been sent to your distribution officer that copies of the bulletin are available on the basis of one per agent and camp manager for your training program.

A Guide to Cooperative Relationships Between the Boy Scouts of America and the Cooperative Extension Service

The guide to cooperative relationships has been developed jointly by a small committee appointed by the Extension Subcommittee on 4-H Club Work, which has been working with a similar committee from the Boy Scouts of America. This is to supplement and bring up to date the cooperative agreement many of the States have made individually with the Boy Scouts of America. Additional copies are available upon request.

"What You Should Know About the National Plan for Civil Defense"

Do you know the warning signals for National Defense and what they mean? Through the Office of Civil Defense Mobilization we have agreed to cooperate in the National Preparedness effort. The enclosed booklet and wallet size card, give information on what to do in case of an attack alert. The booklet outlines the responsibilities of the Federal, State and local government and individuals in National Defense.

"Land Appreciation Schools and Land Judging"

Wendell Tascher, Extension Soil Conservationist, has prepared a summary of the growth of these activities, highlighting the progress during 1958.

The 4-H Club Leader

A volunteer local leader in California wrote a very appealing "job description" of what a leader does. We have permission to share it with you. (one page mimeo.)

ALERTS TO OTHER HELPFUL MATERIALS

"Improving Teenage Nutrition"

A reprint is now authorized of the manual developed by the Foods and Nutrition Development Committee. Copies will be available soon for States to provide one for Home Demonstration and 4-H Club Agents.

A second kit of teenage nutrition materials is also anticipated at an early date. Two copies will be sent per State--one to the 4-H office and one to the nutrition specialist.

We in Extension have a tremendous challenge to help young people improve their diets.

"Fundamental Procedures in Home Furnishings", "Infants' and Children's Clothing, Equipment and Toys", and "The Story of Table Service"

Three new bulletins have been developed by the Consumer Education Division of Sears, Roebuck and Company. Copies have been sent to home demonstration leaders and to appropriate subject-matter specialists. Five sets of the three books are now being mailed to each State 4-H Club Leader. The bulletins are being mailed to you by Miss Berneice Dollnig, Director of the Consumer Education Division, whom many of you have met at National Club Congress.

Sears also has three other sets of consumer helps which may be useful to you in your work with youth. Do you know their boxed chart exhibits for loan, their color slide film strips, and their hidden values pamphlets?

Keep America Beautiful

The 4-H Club program has long been recognized for its active part in community improvement activities. 4-H Club members in many States have been active in the litter eradication programs. A national public service organization, known as "Keep America Beautiful", encourages and coordinates the efforts of many organizations in roadside improvement. We feel especially privileged that this group thinks enough of 4-H Club work to design and publish a special circular for the use of 4-H Club Leaders. A sufficient quantity is being printed to provide one for each 4-H Club in your State. Your State Publications Distribution Officer is being notified of the availability of this leaflet. We suggest you check with him about ordering copies for your State.

New Magazine for Youth

A new magazine entitled, "Horizons", which is written for young people about the world of work, has been called to our attention, and the issue we have looks very good.

For additional information, contact Horizon House, Ind., 160 Warren Street, Boston 19, Massachusetts.

"4-H In Action"

North Carolina has an attractive and colorful 5 x 8 booklet which has been especially prepared for leaders and outstanding citizens in agriculture, business, industry, politics and education in North Carolina. It points up the contributions which the 4-H program has made to the State and at the same time directs challenges toward the additional needs in the program such as 4-H camp scholarships, more recognition features and the international farm youth program. The booklet is used in connection with the State 4-H Development Fund.

NEWS OF OUR CO-WORKERS

Miss Frances Scudder retired September 11 as Director of the Division of Home Economics Programs. She made a wonderful contribution to Extension work and to the broad field of home economics. 4-H is much indebted to her. Replacing her as new Division Director will be Miss Eunice Heywood. Many of you have met Miss Heywood at National 4-H Conference, where she has given significant help in planning and conducting the program for State Club Leaders. New assistant director will be Mrs. Helen Turner, who has been serving as home economics program leader in the Central States.

"Acting State Club Leader" is the current designation for Paul C. Barker of California, Amy Kearsley of Utah and Verne Varney of Wisconsin. In each case, the State Club Leader is away on study leave.

Chauncey Lang and his wife will be the adult leaders in charge of the 4-H group attending the First World Agriculture Fair in New Delhi, India, December 11, 1959 to February 14, 1960.

Grant Godwin of Florida has been advanced to the position of Associate State Club Agent.

Virginia Evans has just joined the State 4-H Club staff in Pennsylvania. She was formerly a home demonstration agent in Ohio.

Bill Tedrick of Ohio, a 4-H Fellow in 1957-58, will be joining the Michigan staff. Bill has had a special interest in 4-H publications and will help fill that niche in his new State.

It's now Mrs. Laurretta S. Anderson, formerly Laurretta Schell of Minnesota. She was recently married and expects to move with her husband to Indiana.

Change in title of the 4-H staff in Iowa gives them the title of Extension 4-H Leader. In Nebraska the new titles for the staff are Associate State Leader, 4-H and YMW.

Mrs. Nell W. Cline is the newest appointee on the State 4-H staff in Kansas. She was formerly a home economics agent.

Mrs. Lois B. Ross, formerly a home agent, is a new State 4-H Agent in Minnesota. She began her new appointment in late September.

Virginia Norris is new to the Missouri 4-H staff. Her title is State 4-H Club Agent. Formerly she was a home demonstration agent in the same State.

Curtis Trent of Texas, Aubrey Slayton, Va., and Ray Ranta, of Mich., have been granted extensions of time for study leave. Albert F. Gehres of Ohio is now back at work after a period of study leave.

Mary McKee of Illinois has announced a retirement date of September 30. We do not know Mary's plans but will try to give a more detailed report later. She leaves many evidences of her good work on the State staff.

Eleanor Echo, recently employed as a stylist with Simplicity company, was formerly a county Extension worker at Grand Rapids, Michigan, and earlier an agent and 4-H member in New Jersey. She will meet many of you at Club Congress where she will be working on the dress revue committee.

Some of you may already have met Miss Louise E. Roy, who is now the director of youth activities for The National Foundation (formerly the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis, Inc.). Miss Roy has had experience in working with young people on three continents, with the Girl Scouts and the Red Cross. The teen-age program service of The National Foundation is called "Taps".

IN CLOSING

We thought you might like to share the comments of Gretchen L. Potter, who worked in the State Club office in Idaho during part of the time that Lillian Johannesen was on leave for study and travel in Europe. Gretchen is a newcomer to Extension but with much experience in the field of education in home economics. Here is what she says in her final report:

"As a newcomer to Extension and specifically 4-H Club work, I would like to record some impressions which have been made upon me during my tenure. Most of these are in regard to the teaching-learning process and are something of a comparison with classroom teaching-learning, since all of my professional career heretofore has been spent in the classroom.

First, the voluntary nature of 4-H Club work is a perfect framework for learning. On the other hand, the teaching, whatever method is used, must be skillful, for the only discipline is the discipline of interest. A 4-H'er who is not interested can get up and leave. Therefore, teaching is easier in 4-H, but holding is harder.

Second, I believe 4-H develops individual initiative and self-confidence to a very great degree. Often these are actually killed in the classroom. I don't know why, except that any effort made by a 4-H'er is recognized. For the satisfaction of basic needs, 4-H is better. To produce superior scientists, I suppose the classroom is better.

Third, it seems to me that 4-H spends more time in the dissemination of information than in it's collection. In other words, it's a kind of relay point between the producer of information and the consumer of information.

This brings one question to my mind. Does following the steps in the project book, finding the answers in the readily supplied pamphlet, and submitting the finished product to a judge for approval or disapproval, develop the ability to think? The answer to this lies in the quality of the 4-H leadership, for another word for leader could be teacher. At Idaho, great emphasis is placed upon leadership--and this holds great promise."

Sincerely yours,

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